

Response
Application No. 09/890,273
Attorney Docket No. 042203

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 5 have been cancelled and claims 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 26, 2007.

Allowable Claimed Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 11 of the Action that claims 9-14 have been allowed.

Also, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in item 10 of the Action that claims 5 and 6 stand objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the all of the features of their respective base and intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 3 and 4 have each been amended to include the allowable features of claim 5, which has now been cancelled. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3 and 4, along with their respective dependent claims 6, 7 and 8, are now allowable. Accordingly, it is believed that all the remaining dependent claims 3, 4, and 6-14, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

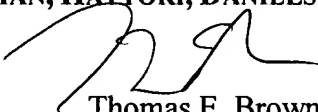
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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